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1. MAJOR TOPIC OF FORMAL DISCUSSION AT RESUMED CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN WINDHOEK (REFTEL) HAS BEEN " DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES". ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK, EQUAL PENSIONS, AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SERVICE WERE DISCUSSED. AS CONFERENCE CONTINUES DELEGATES ARE ALSO SCHEDULED TO DEBATE WORK OPPORTUNITIES, EQUAL EDUCATION, ACCESS TO PUBLIC AMENITIES AND PROPERTY OWNERSHIP.

2. MAJOR TOPIC OF INFORMAL DISCUSSION HAS BEEN POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT OF DIRK MUDGE BY A.H. DE PLESSIS AS LEADER OF WHITE DELEGATION. DU PLESSIS IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED MORE CONSERVATIVE THAN MUDGE AND SOME BLACK CONFERENCE DELEGATES REPORTEDLY HAVE EXPRESSED APPREHENSION THAT GOOD UNCLASSIFIED

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RELATIONS WHICH HAVE MARKED CONFERENCE COULD BE IMPAIRED.

3. DU PLESSIS, WHOSE CREDENTIALS AS DELEGATE
WERE ACCEPTED ON CONDITION THAT HE RESIGN FROM SA CABINET,
HAS NOT YET ANNOUNCED WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL TAKE PART IN
CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH IT IS BEING ASSUMED BY THE PRESS
THAT HE WILL.
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